

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3, 4, 7-9, 11-32 are all the pending claims. Claims 17-32 are new, and claims 2, 5 and 6 are herein canceled. Applicant has adjusted dependency appropriately.

I. Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner objected to claims 5, 6, 8, 9, 13 and 14, but noted that they contain allowable subject matter.

Applicant herein amends claim 1 to include the allowable subject matter of claim 5. New independent claims 17 and 20 include the allowable subject matter of claim 6.

New independent claims 18 and 21 include the allowable subject matter of claim 13, but omit the limitations of claim 12.

As all claims should be allowable, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw this objection.

II. Conclusion

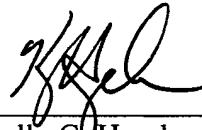
In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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